

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF OPHTHALMIC DISPENSERS
MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2018

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers conducted on November 21, 2018 at the Department of Professional Licensing, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cindy Castle, Chair
Mary K. Froelicher, Secretary
Dr. Todd Purkiss
Dr. James Luckett
Ladye Ann L. Adams

DPL STAFF

Jamar Carter, Boards & Commission Support SPC
Robin Vick, Administrative Section Supervisor
Isaac VanHoose, Commissioner
Courtney Cook, Fiscal Administrative Specialist
Carson Kerr, Board Counsel
Leah Spears, Executive Advisor

GUESTS

Curt Duff
Jim Morris
Wade Delk
Marisa Neal
Toni Ahl

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cindy Castle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Dr. James Luckett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2018 meeting. Dr. Todd Purkiss seconded the motion, and it carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the financial reports from the months of September & October 2018.

DPL REPORT

Susan Ellis on behalf of Isaac VanHoose presented the Board with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Professional Licensing. The Board discussed the agreement and the increase of the administrative fee with DPL. The need to increase the current license fees to cover the increased cost in administrative services was discussed. Dr. Todd Purkiss motioned, Dr. James Luckett seconded, carried and accepted to move forward.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

No Report

COMPLAINTS

2018BOD00001 sent via email to the investigative service employees to carryout.

OPHTHALMIC INSPECTOR REPORT

No inspector at this time.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

Jamar Carter reported there are currently 194 apprentice ophthalmic dispensers, 577 active ophthalmic dispensers, and 113 inactive ophthalmic dispensers.

NEW BUSINESS

At the invitation and pleasure of the Board two guests were allowed to speak regarding the merits of accepted examinations required for testing. To begin Executive director of the American Board of Opticianry and National Contact Lens Examiners (ABO-NCLE) Jim Morris gave a presentation pursuant to his request that the Board consider offering the ABO-NCLE as acceptable form of practical examination. The presentation demonstrated the test preparation tutorial available to prospective test takers and the public. ABO-NCLE gives licensees access and hands-on learning and practice with onsite simulation using real people from prior eye exams, it also allows them to view test questions and interact with the simulated equipment, as they would in the ophthalmic workplace. Testing Fees; ABO/NCLE Basic exam-\$225/each exam, ABO-NCLE Practical-\$75/each exam. If “bundled” exam packages are paid in lump sum, the applicant will qualify for a 30% discount bringing the total to \$420 for all four exams. Additionally, accompanied to Mr. Morris’ request were two memoranda dated November 5, 2018 and November 19, 2018 announcing other state regulatory boards that have voted to accept the ABO-NCLE practical examination.

Presenting on the merits of the Board’s currently accepted practical examination and arguing against the acceptance of the ABO-NCLE practical examination was Wade Delk of the National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB). Mr. Delk was likewise afforded the opportunity to present a power point with a glimpse of the NCSORB practical examination testing tutorial. NCSORB provides applicants a virtual tour simulator with equipment, candidate handbook, checklist, navigation tutorial on the practical skill exam, and suggested study materials and they offer special testing accommodations as well as assistance 364 days a year, direct contact with a live person and provides service in 22 states. A fee breakdown was not available at the time of the presentation. Mr. Delk concluded his presentation by requesting that the Board consider accepting basic examinations from NCSORB that are currently in development.

Two Board members are practicing ophthalmic dispensers within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by the requirements of Kentucky credentialing are therefore members of ABO/NCLE, however neither currently serves nor has previously served as an officer within the ABO/NCLE. The member opticians are Cindy Castle, and Mary K. Froelicher. No Board members are individually affiliated or serve as officers within the NCSORB. Any decision regarding the amendment of 201 KAR 13:040 specifically and any other relevant regulations related to examinations required for licensing by the Board was tabled until next meeting. Todd Purkiss made a motion and Mary K. Froelicher seconded that motion and it carried.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Castle made a motion for the following recommendations on 7 applications:

1. Andrew Hatcher Ophthalmic Dispensers Application; Apply & take Kentucky Approved Practical Exam NCSORB.
2. Harold Sample Ophthalmic Dispensers Application; Renew or bring current ABO, Pass NCLE & apply to take Kentucky approved Practical Exam
3. Catherine Colburn Ophthalmic Dispensers Application; Renew or bring current ABO, Pass NCLE & apply to take Kentucky approved Practical Exam
4. Rodney Ramsey Ophthalmic Dispensers Application ; Renew or bring current ABO, Pass NCLE & apply to take Kentucky approved Practical Exam
5. Jonathan Villafor Ursos ABO/NCLE Extension; Extension to pass ABC & NCLE granted until renewal year of 2020
6. Kristian N. Ellington ABO/NCLE Extension; Extension to pass ABC & NCLE granted until renewal year of 2020
7. Marianne Hall Apprentice & NCLE Extension Request; Renewal not waved but will allow to sit for Practical Exam once NCLE is passed.

Dr. James Luckett seconded that motion, and it carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

No continuing education applications at this time.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Cindy Castle made a motion to approve travel and per diem for members that attended today's meeting. Dr. James Luckett seconded the motion and it carried.

NEXT MEETING

The Board will meet again on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:00am, at the Department of Professional Licensing. The Complaints Committee will meet prior, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Todd Purkiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:21, Mary K. Froelicher seconded the motion and it carried.